A TRUE HISTORY

Of the LIVES of the

Popes of Rome:

WITH

A Description of their particular Vices and Misdemeanours.

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CHURCH of ROME:

Concerning the Popes Power, Authority in Ecclesiasticals and Temporals over Emperours, Kings, Princes and Potentates, whom they may excommunicate, depose, murther, poison, or make away by any unlawful means whatsoever, even by their own Subjects, and notwithstanding all Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, for which they can give dispensation.

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TO THE READER.

Courteous Reader,

I Present you here with some few Observations of the bloody and irreligious Acts of most of the Popes, Monks, Jesuits and Friars of Rome. *It's true indeed, they have been long laid in their grave, but the Magick of their cruelty raises up their Ghosts, and they borrow a second (a most shameful) Life, from such bloody deeds they acted in their former. I hope that such impious Designs that at this present they use against his Soveraign, his People, and his Land, will give you all possible encouragement to read this ensuing History, containing such hellish Acts which were performed by their more cruel Predecessors. This is all, only you are desired to amend such Errata's with the Pen, as have escap'd the Press, the rest is left to your censure.*

Farewell.

Lives of the Popes.

1. *Atheists.*

LEO the Tenth hearing Cardinal *Bembo* ſpeaking to a point concerning the joyful meſſage of our Lord, anſwered moſt diſſolutely, it is well known to the world through all Ages, in how great ſtead that fable of Chriſt hath profited us and our Aſſociates; this man neither believed Heaven nor Hell after our departure out of this life.

And ſuch were *Alexander* the 10th. *Sylveſter* the 2d. *Paul* the 3d. *Benedict* the 19th. *John* the 13th. *Clement* the 7th. and *Gregory* the 7th.

2. *Arrians.*

Anaſtatius the 11th. *Liberius* and *Felix.*

3. *Magicians and Conjurers.*

Alexander the 6th. this man made a league with the Devil, upon promiſe to procure him the Papacy. *Paul* the 3d. obtained the garland in Aſtrology, and in that kind of ſpeculation, which is aſſiſted by the miniſtry of Devils; he altogether kept familiar acquaintance

with Negromancers, and ſuch like Impoſters and Star-gazers, to learn the faults of himſelf and children. *Sylveſter* the 2d. well ſeen in theſe diabolical Arts as his predeceſſors, he gave himſelf to the Devil upon condition to advance him to the Papacy. *Benedict* the 9th. obtained the Popedom by charms, ſpells, enchantments. Before his inſtalment in company of his aſſociates, in woods and remote places he was accuſtomed to invoke evil ſpirits, and by Negromancy to work women to his luſt. *John* the 13th. at Dice would call upon the Devil, and in merriment carouſe a cup of wine to his Devilſhip. *Gregory* the 7th. attained the Papacy by Conjuration; he was the firſt that excommunicated an Emperour, which was *Henry* the fourth; this Pope poiſoned ſix Biſhops, depoſed his Maſter *Alexander*.

4. *Blaſphemers.*

Julius the 3d. this man made it his common exerciſe to reaſon in contempt of the Deity.—

5. *For Swearers and Equivocaters.*

The Papal Canons allow *Roman* Biſhops to abſolve from Oaths, diſpenſe with Vows, releaſe perjured perſons: It's not to be wondred at to find ſo many perjured and faithleſs Papiſts ſwarming in every corner of the world, being the Devils Brokers. The Councel of *Conſtance* over-awed the Emperour *Sigiſ-*

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mon to violate his oath, in burning *John Huſs*. *Gregory* the 13th. in Queen *Elizabeth's* days wrote to the Papiſts in *England*, that they might yield obedience to the Queen, which intimateth nothing elſe but that they might ſwear upon occaſion, and dally with their oaths as beſt ſeemeth them. *Julius* the 2d. maintained that the Romiſh Biſhops might violate his plighted faith. *Silverius* againſt his oath to the Emperour did his beſt to betray the City of *Rome* to the *Goths*. *Gregory* the 2d. having forgotten his oath given unto the Emperour, cauſed *Italy* to revolt, and confederated with the Emperours Enemies. *Paſchal* the 2d. after a Peace ſworn with the Emperour in ſpecial and preciſe terms, as ſoon as his Popeſhip had levied his forces, he charged His Majeſty. *Formoſus* by breaking his oath, cauſed moſt cruel tragedies. *Alexander* the 6th. for his falſe Faith more infamous than *Punique* was renowned. *Paul* the 4th. and *Pius* the 5th. excommunicated the *Engliſh* for not revolting from their oaths of Allegiance.

6. Turkiſh Pentioners.

Clement the 6th. was evermore careful to keep the Chriſtian Princes at jars, ſo that they could not prepare againſt the *Turks*. *Alexander* the 6th. to make good his Supremacy, called in the *Turks* to aſſiſt him againſt the King of *France*. *Alexander* the 3d. betrayed

trayed *Frederick* the Emperour to the Sultan. *Gregory* the 9th. by his Letters requeſted the Soldan not to make reſtitution of the holy Land, but rather to ſlay the Emperour, than warring in the Eaſtern parts.

7. *Mad-men and Tyrants.*

John the 13th. Pope, put out the eyes of his Cardinals; ſome he deprived of their tongues, ſome of their fingers, hands and noſes. *Boniface* the 7th. took *John* the 15th. priſoner, put out his eyes, committed him to priſon, ſtarved him, and ſo became Maſter of the Popedom. *Paſchal* the 2d. excommunicated *Henry* the 4th. a religious Prince; provoked his Son to riſe in Arms againſt his Father; ſo great was his helliſh rage againſt the dead carkaſs of *Henry*, that he digged it up, caſt it out of the Church, that it wanted burial for the ſpace of five years. *Nicholas* the 3d. was author of the *Sciſilian* Maſſacre, the proverb, *veſperæ ſiciliæ*. *Urbane* the 6th. upon a creation of a new Cardinal, caſt 7 of the old into priſon, ſowed 5 in ſacks, and caſt them into the Sea. *Boniface* the 8th. a ſworn enemy to the Gibilines upon *Aſh-Wednesday*, according to cuſtom being to miniſter aſhes unto the people, the Biſhop of the place being a Gibiline, approached him: His Holineſs inſtead of ſprinkling the aſhes upon his head--, he caſt them wholly into his eyes, ſaying, *Remember man that thou art a Gibiline, and with the*

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Gibilines thou ſhalt be turned into aſhes. *Innocent* the 7th. a cruel Tyrant, the *Roman* Citizens deſired him to continue their ancient priviledges, to reſtore the Capital; he in ſhew of friendſhip invited them to his Nephews houſe, they appearing, he murthered 11 of them, and caſt their dead bodies out at window. *Innocent* the 4th. curſed *Frederick* the Emperor, deprived him of Imperial dignities, diſſolved his people from their obedience, put them upon chuſing another. *Stephanus* the 6th. a man of blood againſt the name of *Farmoſus* the Biſhop, being dead, cauſed his body to be digged up, and diſ-robed him of all Epiſcopal habit; from his right hand he cut off two of his fingers, caſting them into *Tiber*. *Sergius* the 3d. of the ſame nature, after eight years reſt cauſed the body of the ſaid *Farmoſus* to be digged up, to be arraigned and condemned to capital puniſhment, as if he had been living; from the foreſaid hand he cut off the other three fingers, cauſing his body to be thrown into *Tiber*, as unworthy of common burial.

8. *Warriours and Blood-ſuccours.*

Innocent the 2d. after his inſtalment, accounted it a holy project to ſeaſon his new Calling, by deſtroying *Roger* Duke of *Sicil*; he raiſeth an Army, marcheth againſt *Roger*, and vanquiſheth him, but by the unexpected comming in of *Roger*, his Son the Pope is taken,

taken, and his Cardinals made prisoners. *Julius* the 2d. Pope, in seven years space was the cause of the slaughter of two hundred thousand Christian souls; this is he that threw St. *Peter*'s Keys into *Tiber*, and took up St. *Paul*'s Sword. *Gregory* the 9th. receiving news of the recovery of *Jerusalem*, caused the Emperours Embassadors to be murthered. *Clement* the 6th. from time to time sowed occasions of war and discord amongst the Christian Princes. *Clement* the 4th. not having the fear of God before his eyes, consented that the Noble Emperour *Conradus* the last of the House of *Swevia*, should be publickly beheaded. *Innocent* the 3d. a grand enemy to *Cæsar*; *Philip* this Pope use to say, that either the Pope should take the Diadem from *Philip*, or *Philip* the Apostolick Miter from *Innocent*. *Paul* the 3d. a great persecutor of the Saints of God, raised and fomented the *Germane* War, which proved the destruction of many thousand Families. Like him was *Alexander* the 6th. whom the Papists affirm to be most cruel. *Pius* the 5th. and *Gregory* the 13th. can best tell how the tumults of *France* were first raised, the League confirmed, the Massacre contrived, and the Wars continued.

9. *Traytors and movers of Seditions.*

Alexander the 3d. wickedly engaged himself in a Plot of Treason against *Frederick* the Emperour, for

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proof whereof *Frederick* ſummons a Diet at *Noremberg*, aſſembles the Princes of the Empire; before them cauſed the Pope's wicked Letters directed to the Soldan to be opened, and declares the means of his diſcovery. *Gregory* the 2d. moved all *Spain*, and *Emilia Liguria*, *Italy*, and other Provinces, to revolt from the Emperour, Antichriſtian like forbidding the people to pay tributes, which Chriſt himſelf commanded. *Gregory* the 7th. by wicked Plots attempted to murther *Henry* the 4th. Emperour, at his prayers, in St. *Mary's* Church: Againſt him, ſaith *Bembo*, cryeth the blood of the Church ſpilt by his miſerable treacheries. *Paſchal* the 11th. ſpent his whole life in War and Murthers. *Gregory* the 9th. by his Legates commanded the Princes of *Germany* to depoſe *Frederick*; guilty of the ſame Treaſon were *Julius* the 2d. and *Hadrian* the 4th. and *Gregory* the 3d. *Gregory* the 13th. was the Author and approver of the *Pariſian* Maſſacre. The Sun never beheld a more bloody Tragedy; fifty thouſand Noble men and Gentelemen murthered in one night; whence roſe the proverb, *nuptiæ gallicæ*, by the Plots and contrivance of *Sixtus* the fifth. *Henry* the 3d. of *France* was ſtabbed to death by a helliſh Monk, a *Jacobin* by profeſſion. *James Clement* by name being 23 years old, the Murther Approved of by His Holineſs.

10. *Parricides and Impoiſoners.*

Paul the 3d. impoiſened his Mother and Niece, that the whole Inheritance of the *Farneſham* Family might accrew to himſelf: His other Siſter alſo whom he carnally knew, upon fancying her freeneſs to others, he ſlew by poiſon. *Alexander* the 6th. by poiſon, made away *Gemen* the Brother of *Bajazet*, for the Hire of two hundred thouſand Crowns; and by the like Medicine, he purged away the [illegible] and Cardinals; but preparing the [illegible] Supper for others, miſtaking of the [illegible], he drank of the prepared Cup, and died like a miſerable wretch. *Innocent* the 4th. being corrupted by rewards, offered a Bottle of the Liquor to the *Emperour Conrade*; this the ſaid *Emperour* verified by his publick Letters. *Gregory* the 7th. by his companion *Braſatus* poiſoned *Nicholas* the 11th. and by the ſervice of this Villain, he impoiſoned ſix or eight Cardinals, obſtacles in his way to the Papacy. *Paul* the 3d. did his beſt not only to raiſe the Chriſtian Princes againſt *Henry* the eighth of *England*, but alſo plotted againſt him to deſtroy him. *Gregory* the 13th. loaded with Indulgencies. *Parre* and others to have laid violent hands upon Queen *Elizabeth*.

11. *Whoremongers.*

John the 11th. this man, one *Theodora*, with more

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ſtate and pomp, to enjoy her practique pleaſures, made firſt Biſhop of *Bononia*, 2d. Arch-Biſhop of *Ravena*, 3d. Pope of *Rome*. *John* the 13th. lived Player-like, not Pope-like; was addicted to all kind of pleaſures. *Gregory* the 7th had commerce with the Counteſs *Matilda*. *Clement* the 5th. was a publick Fornicator, and kept for his Leman the Counteſs *Perigord*, a moſt beautiful Lady and Daughter of *Earl Foix*.

12. *Adulterers.*

S[illegible]d Legat *John* the 12th. upon that moſt [illegible] and in his Papacy committe abominations amongſt light women. [illegible] the firſt, an anointed Batchelor, conſumed the greateſt part of his life amongſt leud women, and was at laſt conſumed, having raigned ſeven months: *John* the 11th. *Theodora* a famous Whore, and Lady of *Rome*, was his nightly companion, and the freer to enjoy his company, ſhe cauſed him to tranſlate the Biſhops Sea from *Rome* to *Ravena*. *John* the 12th. was Baſtard of that famous Whore *Marozia*; he ſpent the time of his Papacy with beaſtly leud women. *John* the 13th. none would ſerve his turn but Virgins and Votareſſes; the *Lateran* Pallace he made his ſtews, he defiled his Fathers Concubine, and his own Niece. *Alexander* the 6th. was a moſt luxurious Tyrant; no

Pen is able to regiſter the beaſtly qualities of this impious Knave; and ſuch were *John* the 14th. 15th. 21th. 24th. *Benedict* the 6th. and 9th. *Stephen* the 8th.

13. *Inceſtuous Perſons.*

Paul the 3d. to be made Cardinal and Biſhop of *Oſtia*, gave unto *Alexander* the 6th. Pope, his Siſter to be deflowred; another of his Siſters he kept for his own ſtore; ſhe being falſe to him, he poiſoned. Another of his Siſters this good-like old Knave ſolicited to Inceſt and Whoredom. To enjoy his own Daughter, in like manner he poiſoned her Husband. *Alexander* the 6th. was familiar with his impudent Daughter *Lucrecia*. *John* the 13th. defiled his Fathers Concubine; ſuch a one was *Benedict* the 3d.

14. *Sodomites.*

Julius the 2d. this man abuſed with two young Gentlemen, beſides many others. *Julius* the 3d. uſed one *Innocent* as his Minion, and created him Cardinal, and abſtained not from the Cardinal himſelf. *Leo* the 10th. was a lover of Boys. *Sixtus* the 4th. built a Brothel-houſe at *Rome* for both Sexes. *John* the 24th. accuſed for a Sodomite. *Clemens* the 7th. was a Baſtard, a Poiſoner, a Sodomite, a Geomancer, a Church-robber; ſuch was *Benedict* the 3d. and *John* the 13th. and 14th. and *Paul* the 3d.

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15. *Favourites of Whores.*

Victor the 3d. obtained the Papacy by the help of *Matilda* his Miſtreſs. *Urban* the 2d. by the like policy. *John* the 11th. by an impudent Whore *Theodora*, ran the ſame fortune. *Paul* the 3d. kept a Roll of forty five thouſand Whores, who paid him a monthly Tribute. The City of *Rome* hath ſome hundred thouſands of ſouls, a third part accounted like women and Church-men. *Sextus* the 4th. a bountiful benefactor towards Whores; for every Whore paid him a Julius, which amounted yearly to four hundred thouſand Duckets. *Joan* the 13th. reſtored to the Papacy by the power of Whores. *Joan* the 8th. ſhe was firſt called *Gilberta*, but counterfeiting the viril Sex, in the habit of a man went to *Athens* with a Monk; her Sweet-heart after her great proficiency in the Arts, and the death of her friends, ſhe returned to *Rome* in diſguiſe, and in all Diſputations obtained the Garland, being admired for her eloquence and acute anſwers, gaining the eſteem of all her Auditory. *Leo* being dead, ſhe was choſen Pope, and ſate two years and ſix months in *Peter's* Chair; during her Popedom ſhe was got with child by her Chaplain, and in a ſolemn Proceſſion fell in travail in the midſt of the City; before all the people ſhe brought forth a Son and died.

16. *Lands.*

16. *Bauds.*

Paul the 3d. *Pope*, gave his Sister *Julia Farnese* unto *Alexander* the 6th. to be deflowred. *Sextus* the 4th. an eminent Pander, attested by *Agrippa*, as before mentioned.

17. *Bastards.*

Martin the 11th. Pope, begat of a common woman, Son of a Negromancer. So was *John* the 11th. and *John* the 12th. begotten by *Sergius* upon *Marozia*, a famous Whore. *Leo* the 14th. Son of *John* the 12th. *Item*, *John* the [illegible] *Leo* [illegible], *Benedict* the 9th. Son of [illegible] *Gregory*. *Item*, *Sylvester* the 3d. Son of an arch Knave *Lawrence*. *Item*, *Adrian* the 4th. Son of *Robert* a Mo[illegible] *Item*, *Victor* the 4th. Son of *Gregory* the 12th. *Item*, *Clement* the 7th. Son of *Leo* the tenth.

18. *Drunkards.*

Leo the tenth, and *Nicholas* the fifth, were famous for the love of their Liquor.

19. *Covetous Persons.*

The Popes Exchequer is like the great Ocean, into which all Rivers pay Tribute, and yet never satisfied: the Popes have had out of *France* ninety hundred thousand Crowns; which *Lewis* the ninth of *France* complains, that his Kingdom was miserably exhausted by the Knaves. And *Matthew Paris* in his time did much com-

complain, that the wealthy Kingdom of *England* was miſerably impoveriſht by theſe Popiſh Knaves, and *Germany* pillaged after the ſame faſhion.

20. *Church-Robbers.*

Boniface the 7th. being not ſafe at *Rome*, privily purloyned the rich Treaſurers out of St. *Peter's* Church, and fled to *Conſtantinople*. *Clement* the 7th. was accuſed for perjury, ſacriledge, and impoiſoning.

12. *Simoniaſts.*

From *Gregory* the 9th. *Ceſar* obtained abſolution for an hundred thouſand crowns of gold. *Benedict* the 9th. ſold the Papacy to *Gregory* the 6th. for one thouſand five hundred pounds, which made honeſt *John* the Monk complain. *Rome* was founded by thieves, and the Divine Sanctuary made a bank of Exchange; alike in conſcience were *Leo* the tenth, *Innocent* the eighth, *Sylveſter* the third, *Gregory* the ſixth, the twelfth, *John* the eighteenth. St. *Bernhard* complained the holy Offices of the Church were become queſtuary.

22. *Ambitious Perſons.*

John the 24th. by ambition obtained the Papacy; he was governour of a great Army, unto whom the Fathers were fain to reſort, to chuſe a new Pope. *John* the 3d. wrote unto the *Greeks*, that he only was Head of the Church, and Chriſt's Vicar; *Grecians* replyed, we know thy great Authority over thy Subjects;

Subjects; thy high pride we cannot endure; thy avarice we are not able to ſatisfie; the Devil is with thee; the Lord is with us. *Boniface* the third by that wicked Emperour *Phocas*, was firſt ſaluted Lord and Prince of all Biſhops. *Boniface* the eighth, ſuch was his ambition, he ſuborned certain companions to repreſent Angels, with a ſoft voice by night to ſound in the Chamber of *Celeſtine*, that he ſhould voluntarily reſign the Popedom, if he meant to ſave his life, which this ſimple Pope performed. This *Boniface* inſtituted the *Jubile* in the year of our Lord 1300. promiſing to all people that would viſit *Rome*, remiſſion of all their ſins. Upon the firſt day he beſtowed his pardons; on the next day he came forth attired like an Emperour, a naked ſword born before him, with this Acclamation, *Behold here two ſwords; this is the right I have to Kingdoms and Emperours; theſe are all in my diſpoſition; the Kings of the Earth.* Unleſs they will receive their Kingdoms from this holy See, are to be accurſed and depoſed. Finally, he g'oried in his pride, that he was the Porter of Heaven, not to be adjudged by man. *Adrian* the 4th. chid *Frederick* the Emperour for holding his left ſtirrup. *Stephen* the ſecond depoſed *Childrick*, and preferred *Pipin*, the Pope, ſhaved *Childricks* Crown, and thruſt him into a Monaſtery, commanded *Pipin* to

to lye upon the earth to kiſs his Toe, to hold his Horſe by the Bridle. *Damaſus* the ſecond poiſoned his Maſter to obtain the Papacy. *Conſtantine* the firſt, the firſt that gave his foot to be kiſſed by an Emperour. *Leo* the 4th. the firſt that advanced the Papal Croſs, and adorned it with precious Stones, commanding it to be carried before him.

23. *Monſters.*

Benedict the ninth, Hiſtoriographers do write that he was ſeen near a certain Mill by a Hermite in this ſhape, his body like a Bear, the head and tail of an Aſs, and being asked how he came thus, he anſwered, in this ſhape, do I wonder? for that in my Popedom I lived without reaſon, without God, without limitation. *Nicholas* the 3d. begot a Son on his Concubine, who had hair and claws like a Bear.

24. *Unlearned Perſons.*

Benedict the eleventh was a meer Laquey, and ſo were *Benedict* the ninth, and *John* the 21th.

Regulæ Juris Romani.

Being the Tenents of the *Romiſh* Church.

First, They believe the Biſhop of *Rome* hath in himſelf all manner of Power both Spiritual and Temporal; Authority to command, to forbid, to curſe, and to excom-

excommunicate, all Power of punishing; right of election; and conferring the Lieutenancy of the Empire; power to create and depose Magistrates, even Emperours, Kings and Princes, and all other Potentates, and their Subjects: These be the Articles of the *Roman* Faith; he that alloweth or believeth not so much, is accounted an Heretick & damned.

2. They believe all Ecclesiastical persons, Bishops, Prelates Priests, Jesuits, Monks, Nuns, & all their temporal goods, their priviledges and estates, are exempted and freed from all obedience of Temporal Lords, commands, contributions, superiorities, and that impersonals and real impleadings in civil and criminal actions; they are not bound to obey Emperours, Kings, or any lay Magistrates. Yea *Cæsar*, Kings and Princes ought to entrust his Fortresses rather to Ecclesiastical persons than to lay Captains.

3. They believe albeit the Pope be a man, yet he is God's Vicar on Earth; wherefore Divine honour is due to him, and he cannot erre in points concerning Christian Doctrine; no, although all other Ecclesiastical Fathers, yea and the Councels themselves, should fall into errour. An Argument that from Councels we must appeal to the *Pope*, but not from the *Pope* to the Councel.

4. They believe the validity, interpretations and power of innovating the Sacred Scriptures, resteth in the bosom of the *Pope*: But His Holiness decrees as simply necessary to Faith and Salvation, are immutable, forcible and obligatory.

5. They believe the Constitutions, Statutes, Ordinances, *Parliament* Edicts, Confederacies, all Letters *Patents* of Emperours, Kings, *Princes*, and other Estates, which favour any other Religion than the moderate *Roman*, ought to be reputed void and of no force, although an oath be interposed.

6. They believe that the *Romanists* are to employ their utmost endeavours by fire, sword, poison, powder, plots wars,

war, or any other Engine to suppress Heretick's, but especially the *Lutherans* and *Calvinists*, with their favourers. And the politick Catholicks who had rather maintain Peace, than adjoyn Forces to the Catholick side in extirpation of Heresies.

7. They believe when the *Roman* Catholick Subjects in their Councels have decreed that the Emperour, King or *Prince* whom they serve, is accounted a Tyrant, then it is lawful to remove him, and to hold themselves from their Oath of Allegiance; but if they be deemed to hold their Assemblies, then it is granted to every private Subject, praise-worthy to murder such a King or *Prince*; but first he must have the advice and counsel of some Jesuit.

8. They believe if Subjects have a *Lutheran* or *Calvinist* to their King or *Prince*, who endeavoureth to bring them into Heresie, you must always understand what Heresie they mean, they are those Subjects quitted of homage and fealty towards their Soveraign Masters to whom it is lawful and granted, to remove, murder, imprison such an anointed high Magistrate.

9. They believe that Emperours, Kings, *Princes*, may be poisoned by their vassals and servants, in case Theologians or Jesuits being learned and grave men, do account them for Tyrants, provided the concluded party to die do not amend his life.

10. They believe the *Pope* hath the free gift of all the Kingdoms, *Principalities* and Territories of all Heretical and Infidel *Princes*: And such Donations shall be firm and available to all constructions.

11. They believe it is lawful for Jesuits and all other Catholick *Priests*, in case they happen to be examined before Heretick Kings, *Princes*, or Magistrates, to use equivocation and mental reservations, and raise names, and counterfeit apparel, the better to insinuate and carry on their designs.

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12. They believe it lawful for Jesuits, and such like *Romanists* to equivocate to the demands of Magistrates, as well by Oath, as without.

13. They believe that such Catholicks are not bound to answer private Catholicks from the heart, and with conscience, but to equivocate, and with double meanings, equivocation, being a profitable Art. These be the Principles of the *Roman* Catholicks; from which good Lord deliver us.

The secret and hidden Mysteries which the Jesuits use when they resolve to have a King, Prince, or Chief Magistrate murdered.

First, after such a wicked person is appointed, they enter into their chamber appointed for prayers, and there this infernal off-spring give their attendance, and lay before him a Knife folded up in a scarf, closed in a little Casket of Ivory, covered with an Agnus Dei, *writ about with many sweet and profound characters; and taking the Knife forth of the said Casket, they bedew it with divers sprinklings of holy water, and fastning to the haft thereof sundry little Beads of Coral, to the number of five or six, blessed and hallowed with their holy-water; they give thereby to understand that he giving so many wounds or stabs with that Knife, shall by that act release as many souls out of Purgatory; then delivering it into the hands of the murtherer, they utter these words,* Go thou forth like *Jeptha*, the sword of *Sampson*, the sword whereby *David* cut off the head of *Goliah*, the sword of *Gideon*, the sword wherewith *Judith* did cut off the head of *Oliphernes*, the sword of *Pope Julius* the second, whereby he broke the Power of Emperors, Kings and Princes, and with great effusion of blood got out of their hands the Cities of *Selusa*, *Genola*, *Phayonsa*,

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Farnis, Bolgna, and many others, go forth I say, and God will strengthen thine Arm. *After this the hellish company fell down upon their knees, and the most renowned amongst them, or he that is the Chief Priest makes the Conjuration, saying these words*, Come Cherubims come Seraphims, come Dominations, come most blessed Angels, and carry him forthwith to the Crown of the Virgin *Mary*, of Patriarks, of Martyrs; for he is no more one of ours, but of yours; and thou O great and powerful God, that hast revealed unto him in his prayers and meditations, that he must of necessity be the murderer of a Tyrant and a Heretick, to give his Crown to a Catholick King; and he being by us made apt and disposed unto this murder, do thou fortifie his senses, and make bold his courage, to the end that he may accomplish thy Will; arm him with a compleat Armour of thy providence to escape from them that would apprehend him; give him wings, that the foul hands of the barbarous may not touch his sanctified members; spread the beauty of thy joyes upon his soul, to the end that thereby his body may be so encouraged, that chearfully he may dispose himself to this fight without fear. *This Conjuration being ended, they bring him before an Altar, and then they shew him a goodly picture, wherein the Angel bears the body of* James Clement, *a* Jacobian *Friar, who murdered* Henry *the 3d, King of* France, *and presents it before the Throne of God*, saying, Behold thy Souldier, see the defender and accomplisher of thy Justice, and let all the Saints rise out of their Thrones to give him place. *When all these things are thus finished, then there is no more but four* Jesuits *that may be allowed to speak unto him, and when they draw near to him, they tell him that there appears that there is some Deity dwelling in him, and they are afraid of the splendor and shinings dwelling in him; and falling down and kissing his hands and feet, they hold him no more a mortal, but stand by as*

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half unworthy of the great glory and happiness whereunto he is already come, and breathing forth many sighs, they say unto him, I would to God he had elected and called us into that blessed condition, for then should we certainly be assured to go really and presently into Paradice, without ever coming into Purgatory.

Now let us take a view of the Romish Jesuitical Practices.

In *Spain* upon Suspition of Heresie, they so over-awed the Conscience of *Philip* the 2d. that they caused the uncompassionate Father in a Bath to open the Veins of *Charles* his eldest Son, a Prince of great Expectation to bleed out his dearest Life. Now the Heresies this Noble young Prince was guilty of, was taking too much notice of the wicked Lives of the Romish Clergy, and having so much of the Grand-Fathers Spirit. *Anno.* 1568.

Who but the same Brood of Jesuits made away *Joan* of *Albert* Queen Dowager of *Navarre*, the Patroness of the French Protestants by Impoysoned Pills, which an *Italian* the Kings Apothecary at *Paris* prepared for her. *Anno.* 1572.

Who but the Jesuits were the Instruments of that most Hellish Resolution under the Colour of a Marriage, and the Massacre of so many brave Princes and Gentlemen of the Protestant Religion, without any regard to the Oath of safe Conduct Religiously sworn to by the King himself. *Anno.* 1589.

Who but these wicked men Suborned *Peter Barr*, and by Sacrament obliged him Trayterously to have Murdered *Henry* the 4th of *France*. *Anno.* 1589.

This *Henry* readmitted the Jesuits into his Kingdom and Bosome, making Father *Cotton* his Confessor, giving them his

his Houſe *Laſleſche* for a Colledge, and a 1000 Crowns yearly. Notwithſtanding his kindneſs behold, he was Stabb'd to the Heart by *Ravillac*, through the Inſtigation of Jeſuits, leaving a fearful Example to Kings, Princes and Dukes ——— of revolting from the Truth of Religion, and Building upon Wordly Wiſdome and Policie.

Whom ſhould we accuſe but theſe furies of Hell for the Murder of the worthy Prince of *Orange* ſhot to Death by *Balthazar. Gouhard* before prepared for Blood by theſe Imps of Hell, who Preach up Faith, and Adminiſter Oaths, but if any thing diſpleaſe them, they ſend Souls to Deſparation, and make ſale of Perjury. *Henry* the 4th. Emperor, was twice Anathematized, by Pope *Gregory* the 7th. *Frederick* the 2d. by *Innocent* the 4th. *Henry* the 8th of *England* was curſed by Pope *Paul* the 3d. Theſe Emperors, *Charles* the Great, *Juſtinian* of *Conſtantinople*; *Otho* the 1ſt, *Henry* the 5th, and *Charles* the 5th. When they came into the Popes Preſence, put off their Hats, bowed their Bodies, bended the Knees to the ground, and Devoutly kiſſed the Popes Foot; O Horrible Pride in this man of Sin, exalts himſelf above all that is called God. But this is not all, ----- contrary to *Henry* the 4th Queen *Elizabeth* a Princeſs of Immortal Fame, a helper of the Proteſtant Princes, the Delight of her People, and Terror of her Enemies, a Maintainer of the true Religion, repoſed her only Truſt in God, hel'd the Jeſuits and all her Popiſh Enemies at diſtance, put her Laws in Execution againſt them Reſolutely, was Protected by God from thoſe many Curſes, and often Treacheries Plotted by the Popes and Jeſuits; alſo by her own Servants; namely, *Parry*, *Squire*, *Lepez*, *York*, *Williams*, ----- *Pius* the 5th Pope, in one Breath, Damned and Excommunicated Queen *Elizabeth* a moſt Innocent Queen, and all her Loyal Subjects, Proteſtants and Papiſts, if any Papiſt be Loyal, as by the

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Law of God and of Nature, they ought to be to their Lawful Prince; they are Curſed at *Rome* for it. O Holy Pope, to Curſe whom God Bleſſeth! Let Princes look to it, for when the Popes had Power they did, and when they have, they will make uſe of it. This *Pius* Pope declared Queen *Elizabeth* a Heretick, and depoſeth her from all her Royal Dignity, in theſe words, we deprive her of all her pretended Royal Right, we abſolve all the Nobility and Subjects of *England* and all others, who have any way ſworn to her from ſuch Oath; and we declare them for ever abſolved from their Allegiances or Obedience to her; we command and forbid all the Peers and Subjects of *England* to give any Obedience to the Queens Commands or Laws; and if any do otherwiſe, let them be accurſed. This Pope gave away Queen *Elizabeths* Kingdom and Dominions to *Philip* the 2d. King of *Spain*, he with the Popes Imaginary Bleſſing, ſends an Invincible Armado to take Poſſeſſion, but this Impius Deſign was utterly defeated by the immediate Hand of God, which made the wicked Admirable Duke of *Medina* blaſphemouſly ſwear, Jeſus Chriſt was turned *Lutheran*; admire and wonder, notwithſtanding the Plots and Conſpiracies and Indeavours of Popes and Jeſuits to take away the Life of this good Queen by Poyſon, Piſtol, and ſuch like impious Actions; God prolong her Raign to 44 Years, and ſhe lived 70 Years, which no King of *England* ever attained before, being a Gracious Queen, and of all Princes the moſt happieſt: But being Dead, *Popiſh* Plots did not die with her. The *Pope* knew King *James* to be a *Proteſtant*, and right Heir to the Crown of *England*, yet uſed all Arts to hinder his Poſſeſſion, by encouraging perſons to write a Book againſt his juſt Title to the Crown, having neither true reaſon or Religion, to further their Impious Deſigns. The Holy Pope takes new Meaſures and Conſults the Devil

vil in carrying on a *Plot* to blow up the whole *Parliament*; Kings, Lords, and Commons, before they could dream of danger, but God graciously Diſcovered this *Popiſh Powder Plot*, to the ſaving of his *People*, and the Deſtruction of his Enemies. King *James* being aſleep with his Fathers, the *Pope* and Jeſuits wicked Deſigns never ſleep, but come to this Iſſue, that other means failing, King *Charles* the Firſt, and the Arch Biſhop of *Canterbury* muſt be made away, by a *Spaniſh* Jig, as *Andrew à Habernfield* Agent for Cardinal *Barbarino*, Protector of the *Engliſh* and *Scottiſh* Jeſuits Diſcovered to Sr. *William Boſwell* the Kings Agent then at the *Hague*, and by him to the King; but this failing, they will be before hand with Rebels. On the 23 of *October* 1641. Being *Ignatius* his day, by the Popes Aſſiſtance they began the Rebellion in *Ireland*, murdering above 100 Thouſand *Proteſtants*, Innocents in cold bloud without any provocation given, but to kill Heriticks. This is known to both Kingdoms, *England* and *Ireland*. The *Romiſh* Jeſuits were very active in fomenting our late Civil Wars, Souldier like, receiving the *Olivarian* Pay, crying up Reformation in Church and State, but in Truth intending Deſtruction to Church and State; as appear'd when King *Charles* the 1ſt. was taken impriſoned. The *Popiſh* Prieſts and Jeſuits held Councel in *London*, and ſignifi'd the condition of their Affairs here, to their Confederates at *Paris*; and they to *Rome*, from whence commands return to *London*, being determined it was for the Intereſt of the Catholick cauſe, the King ſhould die; the Counſel of Prieſts and Jeſuits in *London*, voted his Death. Hence who ever were the Inſtruments that murdered King *Charles* the 1ſt. on the 30 of *Jan.* 1648. we have cauſe to believe the Jeſuits to be principal Agents; above 60 Proteſtant Miniſters declared againſt it, and many Thouſands more, had they not been overpowr'd by an Army: its ab-

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surd to impute this Hellish action to Protestants, which was Plotted, Contrived by *Roman* Catholicks. Dr. *Du moulin* hath vindicated the Sincerity of the *Protestant* Religion, upon this account, against the Fictions of his Holi-
Answ. to pa. apol. p. 12. ness. The *Roman Priest* and Confessor is known, who upon cutting off the Kings Head Flourished his Sword, saying, our greatest Enemie we had in the World is gone. From what hath been said, we may conclude the *Pope* and his *Party* have been in a perpetual Conspiracy against the Lives and Religion of *Protestant Princes* till the happy return of our Gracious King. No sooner returned to his just Right, but a Blessed *Peace* did follow, to the Comfort of all true Christians. An Act of Oblivion came forth which extended to *Papists* as well as others. So that an Obligation lies upon all *Roman* Catholicks to be grateful for those manifold Favours received from so good a *Prince*. But notwithstanding all Obligations to Obedience, the *Popish Party* have carried on their *Plots* and Conspiracies against our most Gracious King, the Church and State, with as much Impiety as formerly, as hath evidently appeared in their Burning down the City of *London*, and by the late murdering of Sr. *Edmund Bury Godfrey* Knight; and in him the Effigies of our King, the Right Reverend Bishops and all other Magistrates. But by the Blessing of God in part discovered by Mr. *Oats*, and Dr. *Tongue*. Our Gracious King calls it a Bloudy Traiterous Design of *Popish* Recusants against his Majesties Sacred Person, the Government, and the Protestant Religion. And now let all good Christians pray for the long Life of our most Gracious King, and that the Enemies of our Lord the King, who have digged a Pit, may fall into it themselves.

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